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Floyd Baham, Manager Weber River Water Users Association 138 West 1300 North Sunset, UT 84015-2918

Dear Floyd:

This letter is in response to the letter you sent to Blaine Johnson on May 8, 2001. After receiving your letter, we discussed the situation with Blaine.

As you should be aware, we are now in the irrigation season and the priority date for storage in Echo Reservoir is junior to other water users downstream of Echo Reservoir whose water rights have an earlier priority date. Blaine's instructions to your dam tender on May 7th were not a request to release storage water but instead a request to pass direct streamflow through the reservoir to satisfy those earlier priority downstream water rights.

The commissioner has been instructed, both in letter and in the Weber River operating meetings that have been held this year, to coordinate any Echo Reservoir storage releases with the Weber River Water Users Association. We have every confidence that Blaine will follow those instructions.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Morgan, P.E.

State Engineer

cc: Blaine Johnson

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